

least one rear wheel spaced on the frame from the front wheels and carried adjacent a rear end of the frame;

(c) at least one cutting unit carried on the frame for mowing grass, wherein the cutting unit(s) may be engaged with the ground during a mowing operation and when so engaged have at least some of their weight carried by the ground and not the frame; and

(d) a hydraulic drive system for driving the ground engaging wheels of the frame, which drive system comprises:

(i) a source of pressurized fluid;

(ii) individual hydraulic drive motors operatively engaged to each of the ground engaging wheels of the frame; and

(iii) means for connecting the hydraulic motors to the source of pressurized fluid in the following manner:

the wheel drive motor(s) for the rear wheel(s) [is]being connected in series to the fluid source and to the wheel drive motors for the front wheels; and

the wheel drive motors for the front wheels [are]being connected to each other in parallel.

Rewrite claim 26 as follows:

26. (Twice Amended) A hydraulically driven turf maintenance vehicle having all wheel drive, which comprises:

(a) a frame having an engine;

(b) a plurality of ground engaging wheels attached to the frame for movably supporting the frame for movement over the ground, the wheels comprising a first pair of wheels carried adjacent a first end of the frame and at least one wheel spaced on the frame from the first pair of wheels carried adjacent a second end of the frame;

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(c) at least one operating unit carried on the frame for performing a turf maintenance operation[,] [wherein the operating unit(s) may be engaged with the ground] [during a turf maintenance operation and when so engaged have] [at least some of their weight carried by the ground and not] [the frame]; and

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(d) a hydraulic drive system for driving the ground engaging wheels of the frame, which drive system comprises:

(i) a source of pressurized fluid;
(ii) individual hydraulic drive motors operatively engaged to each of the ground engaging wheels of the frame; and

(iii) means for connecting the hydraulic motors to the source of pressurized fluid in the following manner:

the wheel drive motor(s) for the wheel(s) on the second end of the frame [are]being connected in series [to each other,] to the fluid source[,] and to the wheel drive motors on the first end of the frame; and

the wheel drive motors on the first end of the frame [are]being connected to each other in parallel.

Add the following new claims 29 - 33:

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~~29~~. A vehicle as recited in claim ¹⁵~~26~~, wherein the operating unit(s) may be engaged with the ground during a turf maintenance operation and when so engaged have at least some of their weight carried by the ground and not the frame.

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~~30~~. A vehicle as recited in claim ¹⁵~~26~~, wherein a pair of wheels are carried adjacent the second end of the frame,